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In re Patent Application of )  
Marlo Donald NEULEIB ) Group Art Unit: 3637  
Application No.: 09/754,118 ) Examiner: C. Q. Nguyen  
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For: ROOF STEP SYSTEM )

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 15, 2002, having a three-month shortened statutory response period and for which one (1) additional month has been petitioned, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Please add new claims 16-20, as follows:*

— 16. (Newly added) The step system of Claim 1, wherein each said step comprises a toehold portion, defined by a generally planar surface for supporting a toe portion of a user's foot, and a base portion, for attachment to the connecting material.—

*al pby* — 17. (Newly added) The step system of Claim 8, wherein each said step comprises a toehold portion, defined by a generally planar surface for supporting a toe portion of a user's foot, and said handle is formed as an opening in said toehold portion. —